# STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Blue Sky Recycling Inc.

801 South Dupont Avenue, Unit J Ontario, California 91761-1551

9843 6th Street Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730 (Prior address)

ID No. CAL000290170

Respondent.

Docket No. HWCA 2006-1111

**CONSENT ORDER** 

Health and Safety Code Section 25187

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Blue Sky Recycling Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order and agree as follows:

- Respondent generates, handles, stores, and/or disposes of hazardous waste at their facility formerly located at 9843 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rancho Cucamonga, California, 91730 (Site).
  - 2. The Department inspected the Site on March 8, 2006 and May 18, 2006.
  - 3. The Department alleges the following violations:
- 3.1. Respondent violated California Health and Safety Code, section 25201(a): Disposal of a hazardous waste without authorization in that on or about March 8, 2006, and again on May 18, 2006, Respondent was observed disposing of used Printed Circuit Boards, a hazardous waste, into the same

garbage container.

- 3.2. Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66273.34(d) in that on or about March 8, 2006 and again on May 18, 2006, Respondent failed to properly label or clearly mark each container or pallet storing hazardous waste, Universal Waste Electronic Devices (UWEDs).
- 3.3. Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66273.82(b)(2) in that on or about March 8, 2006, Respondent failed to submit an Annual Report to the Department by February of 2006.
- 3.4. Respondent violated California Health and Safety Code, section 25185(c) in that Respondent failed to respond to the Inspection Report mailed on April 5, 2006, within the required 30 day response time. A written response was received on August 30, 2006, via facsimile.
- 4. The parties wish to avoid the expense of litigation and to ensure prompt compliance.
  - 5. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.
  - 6. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.
- 7. This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged above, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.
  - 8. Respondent does not admit the violations alleged.

### SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

9. Respondent shall comply with the following:

- 9.1. Immediately, Respondent shall cease the unauthorized disposal of Printed Circuit Boards into the garbage container. Respondent shall retrieve all Printed Circuit Boards observed in the garbage container and process them as "Excluded Recyclable Material" by sending these wastes to an authorized facility.
- 9.2. Immediately, Respondent shall start to label or clearly mark each container or pallet in or on which UWEDs are contained. In addition the markings must be placed on all containers or pallets: "Universal Waste- Consumer Electronic Device(s)" or "UW-Consumer Electronic Device(s)."
- 9.3. Immediately, Respondent shall to provide a written response to the April 5, 2006, Inspection Report and SOV. This violation has been resolved.
- 10. <u>Submittals</u>: All submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order shall be sent simultaneously to:

Juan Manuel Jimenez, Chief San Diego Border Unit Statewide Compliance Division Department of Toxic Substances Control 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150 San Diego, California 92123

10.1. <u>Communications</u>: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

- 10.2. <u>Department Review and Approval</u>: If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Consent Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.
- 10.3. <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.
- 10.4. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Consent Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Consent Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.
- 10.5. <u>Liability</u>: Nothing in this Consent Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

- 10.6. Site Access: Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Consent Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized representatives may enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order.
- 10.7. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability: Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Consent Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that

request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order.

- 10.8. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 12.3, in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order.
- 10.9. <u>Incorporation of Plans and Reports</u>: All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated in this Consent Order upon approval by the Department.
- 10.10. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.
- 10.11. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

### <u>PAYMENTS</u>

11. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay the Department a total of \$10,060.00, of which \$3,000.00 is a penalty, \$

2,060.00 is for administrative costs, and \$5,000.00 is a credit for attendance of Compliance School. Respondent's check shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number (Docket No. HWCA 2006 -1111) on the check. Respondent shall deliver the penalty payment together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control Accounting Office 1001 I Street, 21st floor P. O. Box 806 Sacramento, California 95812-0806

#### And to:

Juan Jimenez, Chief
San Diego Border Unit
Statewide Compliance Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150
San Diego, California 92123

If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1 and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

11. 1. Respondent hereby agrees to send its employees to the specified California Compliance School (Modules I-IV). Attendance must be completed and the Respondent must submit a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion issued by the California Compliance School to the Department within 90 days of the date of this Consent Order. The penalty imposed by this Consent Order has been reduced by \$5,000.00 provided that two employees satisfactory complete within 90 days of effective date of this Consent Order. Respondent must submit the Certificates

within 120 days of effective date of the Consent Order. If the respondent fails to submit the certificate as required, the penalty of \$5,000.00 is due and payable within 30 days after the 90 days period expires. A Department Branch Chief or his designee may extend the 90-day period, upon written request demonstrating good cause from Respondent.

11. 2. Interest and costs. If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1 and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

## OTHER PROVISIONS

- 12.1. <u>Additional Enforcement Actions</u>: By agreeing to this Consent Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions, except to the extent provided in this Consent Order.
- 12.2. <u>Penalties for Noncompliance</u>: Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and/or punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.
- 12.3. <u>Parties Bound</u>: This Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon

The Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Consent Order.

- 12.4. <u>Effective Date:</u> The effective date of this Consent Order is the date it is signed by the Department.
- 12.5. <u>Integration:</u> This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this agreement.

Notices under this paragraph are subject to paragraph 10.2.

Dated: December 20, 2006

Original signed by Angela Feng
Xiao Lin (Angela) Feng, President
Blue Sky Recycling, Inc.

Dated: December 20, 2006 Original signed by Juan Jimenez

Juan Manuel Jimenez, Chief San Diego Border Unit Statewide Compliance Division Department of Toxic Substances Control